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SUBJECT: FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE: JOHN KNOX, WESTERN AUSTRALIA

DIRECTOR GENERAL OF TRANSPORT

1. POST REQUESTS FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE AS DETAILED BELOW BE ACCORDED MR JOHN KNOX, W.A. DIRECTOR GENERAL OF TRANSPORTATION IN IDENTIFYING AND SETTING UP APPOINTMENTS WITH APPROPRIATE EXECUTIVES IN THE FIELD OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT IN PITTSBURGH, MINNEAPOLIS, ST. PAUL AND SEATTLE DURING HIS VISIT TO THOSE CITIES BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 23 AND OCTOBER 5. PRIMARY OBJECTIVE KNOX'S VISIT IS TO OBTAIN FIRST HAND INFORMATION ON VARIOUS PUBLIC TRANSPORT SYSTEMS WITH HEAVY EMPHASIS ON PRACTICAL OPERATIONS AND EXPERIENCE. KNOX PARTICULARLY INTERESTED UZ: (A) BUS SYSTEMS, PRIORITY SYSTEMS; :0?) BUS FEED-INS TO RAIL OR LIGHT RAIL TRANSPORT; (C) BUS INTERCHANGES; (D) SCHEMES TO LIMIT DOWNTOWN AUTOMOBILE TRAFFIC.

2. KNOX'S FLIGHT AND HOTEL SCHEDULE AS FOLLOWS:

PITTSBURGH - 9/23/76 VIA NORDAIR 743

ARRIVE - 1855 - CARLETON HOUSE HOTEL

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PITTSBURGH/MINNEAPOLIS - 9/25/76 - UNITED AIRLINES 765

DEP. 1435 - ARRIVE 1709 - TRAVELODGE, ST. PAUL.

VANCOUVER/SEATTLE - 10/3/76 - BY BUS PROBABLY.
HOTEL: OLYMPIC HOTEL.

SEATTLE/SAN FRANCISCO - UNITED AIRLINES 339 -1730
ARRIVE 1730. KNOX MAKING OWN ARRANGEMENTS IN SAN
FRANCISCO.

3. BIO DATA AS FOLLOWS:

NAME: JOHN E. KNOX

CURRENT ADDRESSES:

OFFICE: 68 ST GEORGE'S TERRACE, PERTH WESTERN AUSTRALIA 6000

HOME: 46 PEARSE STREET, COTTESLOE, WESTERN AUSTRALIA 6011

PRESENT POSITION:

DIRECTOR GENERAL OF TRANSPORT

PAST SIGNIFICANT POSITIONS/ACHIEVEMENTS:

MANAGER, WESTERN AUSTRALIAN BRANCH, THE SHELL CO. OF
AUSTRALIA LTD.

COUNTRY MARKETING MANAGER, THE SHELL CO. OF AUSTRALIA LTD.

DATE/PLACE OF BIRTH: ARMADALE, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA [Sensitive Information Removed Per NARA 14 AUG 2013]

CITIZENSHIP: AUSTRALIAN.

PREVIOUS TRAVEL TO U.S:

SIX SEPARATE OCCASIONS BETWEEN 1950 AND 1959 ON BUSINESS
OF SHELL INTERNATIONAL PETROLEUM CO. LTD. VISITS NOT
SPONSORED.

OTHER INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL:

9 SEPARATE JOURNEYS BETWEEN 1949 AND 1959 EMBRACING
SOUTH-EAST ASIA, EUROPE, USA AND CANADA.

4. MAJOR INTEREST, PURPOSE OF VISIT TO U.S. : STUDY

OF URBAN TRANSPORT SYSTEMS IN U.S. CITIES IN WHICH
PROBLEMS AND EXPERIENCES ARE RELEVANT TO NEEDS OF
PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA. GENERAL TRANSPORT STUDY
MADE FOR PERTH BY U.S. FIRM CURRENTLY SUBJECT OF WIDE
PUBLIC DISCUSSION.
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